

## SUPPLY SHIP IN DISTRESS

**HAS ON BOARD NORTH CAROLINA SOLDIERS. IN STRONG NORTHEAST WIND OFF THE COAST OF NEW YORK MAKING SIX KNOTS AN HOUR.**

Halifax, N. S., March 31.—The United States supply ship, the Culgoa, with 104 returning troops aboard or casuals is reported in distress off New York, according to wireless message which says that the vessel was hove to in a strong northeasterly wind, and is capable of making six knots an hour.

**North Carolinians Aboard**  
New York, March 31.—The supply ship Culgoa, which is reported off this point with members of different companies aboard includes among its number three officers and some men from North Carolina.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS

A fully perfected program of work is ready for the Junior members of the Red Cross and this department bids fair to be one of the most influential in the great national organization.

The Department of Junior membership has received the unqualified indorsement of P. P. Claxon, United States Commissioner of Education and of Dr. G. D. Strayer, President of the National Educational Association, an organization which represents practically the entire public school system of the United States. These indorsements alone would indicate the attitude of the educational world to the Junior Red Cross, and the approval of national Red Cross officials, leading ministers of the gospel, statesmen and prominent citizens in all walks of life bear ample testimony to the value of the Junior organization in time of war.

There are some 300,000 Junior members in the Southern Division and the many schools which include Junior Red Cross as a part of the regular curriculum will welcome the recognition which has come to the Juniors.

In the Peace Program of the Red Cross the Junior Red Cross which has been a Bureau of the Department of Development has been formally made a separate Red Cross Department for the work of the children of the schools of the country may be said to have passed beyond the "development" stage into that of actual and progressive usefulness.

The new purposes of the Junior Red Cross are: 1st—to furnish relief to suffering children throughout the world; 2nd—to stimulate activities appropriate to the spirit of the American Red Cross; 3rd—to develop an international understanding and good will made necessary by the new world conditions resulting from the war; 4th—to provide motives for purposeful and useful school activities and 5th—to inculcate ideals and habits of service.

The terrible suffering in Europe among millions of children must continue for some time to come because of war conditions, but it is the plan of the Junior Red Cross officials to enlist the service and the sympathy of the children of America in relieving this suffering as far as possible. Care given to the foreign children today determine the actual preservation of the race in some instances, and every agency by which this care may be given fully, efficiently and quickly must be employed. The Junior membership of the Red Cross is to be used as a chief element in this "rebuilding of the world." Every activity in which the Juniors have engaged which is of a productive character is to be continued and the results used to give aid to the stricken children of Europe.

The Junior Red Cross members of today become the adult Red Cross members of the future, and as such they carry the spirit of service into the field where it is most needed.

Read the classified advertisements. A classified ad. in the Times will rent that vacant room for you.

## WAS A KING TOO SOON

**Kaiser Admits He Made Mistakes. Would Destroy Himself Before Standing Trial**

### NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR

Amerongen, Holland, March 31.—"I have made mistakes. I see now where I might have done better, but consider my difficulties. I came to the throne too young. I really succeeded my grandfather, the hundred days of my father's reign do not count. I succeeded my grandfather and I found myself surrounded by his statesmen. They were all old men. They regarded me as a boy. They treated me with amused tolerance which the old men in those days employed toward their youngsters. It was really insufferable. I determined to assert my power. . . . The opposition I encountered made me headstrong. I can see now how bad it was for me. I became impatient, intemperate, but in spite of my faults I did help Germany to grow to a greater power, and I kept the peace for many years, and if Russia had not betrayed the world there would be peace now. I have made mistakes, but no man is more innocent of this war than I."

"I did not want the war. Nicholas did not want the war. George did not want the war. No ruler wanted the war. We were all dead against the war. War was made by the diplomatists. The whole guilt of the war rests on the Russian Government, and there were secret forces at work in the Russian Government."

The Kaiser is entirely impenitent. He is only convinced of his innocence. He sees himself as one who strove harder than any man in the world to avert war. As for being put on his trial he laughs at such an idea. . . . If he thought he was to be arraigned before an international tribunal he would destroy himself, not out of fear of the result of such a trial, but because he would regard such an ordeal as insufferably undignified. He says: "I am answerable for my conduct only to God and God knows how I strove, to my own peril and the peril of my throne, to avert the calamity of war."

### CROSS ROADS ITEMS

Mr. J. R. Ethridge and wife spent Sunday with his son, C. L. Ethridge.

Miss Minnie Scott spent Saturday night with Mrs. J. F. Deans. Misses Minnie and Margaret Wells spent Sunday with Miss Rosa and Miss Minnie Deans.

Mr. L. C. Deans and Mr. J. A. Davis went fishing Thursday night and caught three shads.

Mrs. S. F. Winborn spent Friday p. m. with Mrs. G. R. Morris. Mrs. G. R. Morris spent Friday a. m. with Mrs. E. B. Williamson.

Mr. Wiley D. Ellis was the guest of Miss Mary Ethridge Sunday. Miss Minnie Williamson spent Saturday night with Miss Mary Ethridge.

Miss Alice Lee Jordan and Miss Pearl Ethridge and little Susie spent Sunday with Miss Gertrude Williamson.

Master Robert and Vernon Ethridge spent Sunday with Stephen Williamson.

Miss Earl Ethridge and Miss Mary May Williamson spent Sunday with Lila Williamson.

Mr. Fate Boswell and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Johnnie Ellis.

Mr. Clyde Joyner spent Sunday night with his uncle.

Mrs. G. A. Boykin spent Sunday in Lucama.

Mrs. L. C. Deans visited Mrs. J. R. Ethridge Saturday night.

We are glad to know the farmers are getting along fine with plowing.

## CORN LAND FOR THE JAPS

**SAYS NOT RESPONSIBLE Makes An Interesting Proposition for America and the Monroe Doctrine**

### LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA

Mexico City, Saturday, March 29.—That Japanese corn corporations have been granted concessions to exploit agricultural lands in Lower California was the statement made late today by Gen. Amado Aguirre, under secretary of development and agriculture.

The affirmation was made, however, that the concessions were fully authorized by the provisions of the Mexican constitution regarding the area and position of the territory in relation to the ocean shores and the frontier line.

There was nothing in the concessions, it was asserted by the under secretary, that might possibly lead to difficulties as far as the Monroe Doctrine was concerned.

Reports that there is a possibility of international controversy over the granting of the concession to the Japanese were said to be absurd by General Amado Aguirre in an interview earlier in the day, in which he said the action was legal. At that time he would not admit concessions had been granted. The Japanese legation here denied it had any official knowledge of the action.

Washington, March 30.—Attention of the State Department was called about two weeks ago to the reported proposal of Japanese interests to acquire a large tract of land in Lower California from the California and Mexican Land Company, of Los Angeles, in a telegram forwarded to the department by Senator Phelan, of California.

The attitude of the United States government towards any such move by foreign interest was set forth in a communication sent at that time by the Department to the Los Angeles Company. The company was referred specifically to two documents, the Lodge resolution in the Sixty-second Congress and a message by President Taft, both in 1912, and each of which were inspired by the proposal of Japanese fishing interests to establish a base on Magdalena Bay.

The Lodge resolution declared that sales of property by Americans to any nation which might use the tract as a base to threaten the United States could not be viewed without grave concern by this government. The message of President Taft transmitted a report by Secretary Knox in response to a Senate resolution. The message and report were similar to the Lodge resolution in content.

In view of the recent communication officials tonight were greatly interested in the announcement yesterday in Mexico City by General Amado Aguirre, under secretary of development and agriculture in the Mexican cabinet that concessions to exploit agricultural lands in Lower California had been granted Japan.

### PROVIDES FOR HEALTH DEPT.

The officials of Vance county have made provisions for the organization and conduction of a full-time county health department. The department has been arranged for by the co-operation of the county with the State and International Health Boards and a three-year plan of work has been agreed upon. A health officer will be selected in the near future to take charge of the department, the offices of which will be located at Henderson.

Vance will be one of ten counties in which the State Board of Health is assisting in health work, the other counties being Forsyth, Davidson, Lenoir, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, Robeson, Rowan and Wilson. The personnel of the Vance Health Department will very likely consist of a health officer, an office assistant, and a nurse for rural sanitation and infant hygiene work. The co-operation of the State Board of Health has been given to county health work since July 1917 and satisfactory results have been obtained.

## THE FRENCH NEWSPAPERS

**Contend Germany Must Dismantle Forts on This Side Rhine, and Hold Other**

### UNTIL INDEMNITY IS PAID

Paris, March 31.—The probability that important final decisions will be reached this week by the Peace Conference as indicated by the tone of the French press which declares that the safety of France and the world lies in the dismantling of the German forts on the right bank of the Rhine and the retention of the west bank of the Rhine until the indemnities are all paid.

### Says Made Terms With Russian Government

London, March 31.—George Londonbury, editor of the new labor paper, the Daily Herald, declares that the allied governments have reached an understanding with the Soviet Government.

### SUMMER SCHOOL AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE

The fifth annual session of the State College Summer School at West Raleigh, N. C., will start June 10, and last through July 23, 1919. Arrangements have been made to extend the scope of the courses offered and, in addition to those, courses offered for the benefit of the teachers of the State, special attention will be given to courses to prepare candidates for admission to college and to Freshman credit courses.

A large and capable faculty has been secured, and competent instruction is assured.

Courses in Education covering all needs and requirements, have been planned, as have courses in Elementary Agriculture, Vocational Agriculture, Home Economics, Basketry, Languages, History, Mathematics and Science.

A course of lectures for the cultural and recreational side of the school life has been planned and numerous features, including entertainments and moving pictures in the Y. M. C. A. building, will be a part of the privileges of those attending. The usual story-telling circles and games and folk-dances and community singing will be features held frequently for the enjoyment of the students, and pageants will be presented on July 4 and at the end of the session.

The preliminary announcement of the Summer School is being distributed and the catalogue, which is more attractively gotten up than ever before will be ready shortly.

Already numerous reservations have been made and a large and successful school is anticipated.

C. F. MILLER.

March 28, 1919.

### FALL IN TEMPERATURE

Washington, March 31.—A fall in temperature for tonight and Tuesday is indicated for the South Atlantic and East Gulf states, and frost is predicted for North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

### FROST TONIGHT,

**TUESDAY COLDER**  
For North Carolina, fair tonight and Tuesday. Colder tonight with frost in the interior and fresh and strong northwest winds.

tained in all the co-operating counties. An example of what has been accomplished is shown in the reduction in the death-rate from typhoid fever. The average number of typhoid deaths per year from 1914 to 1917 in the nine counties was 120, and the death-rate was 35.2. During 1918 there were only 24 deaths from typhoid in all nine of the counties, the rate being only 7.8.

The State Board of Health predicts that the Vance Health Department will be one of the most successful in the State, since the county has been interested in health work for a number of years and had a whole-time health officer for two years. The whole-time health work in the county was suspended during the war.

## HUNGARIANS ATTACK FRENCH

### CENTENARY CONVENTION

**Methodist Church Which Meets at Knoxville, Tenn., Described by Mr. Ferguson**

### BREAD IS THE LIFE

The service yesterday morning at the Methodist church was very interesting. Preceding an able sermon by Rev. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of the church, Mr. B. T. Ferguson made an eloquent appeal for the Tri-State Centenary of the church, a campaign on for the purpose of raising \$35,000,000 to extend the various activities of the church. The Centenary drive will be discussed in all its aspects at Knoxville, Tenn., April 10 and 11th when 500 laymen from North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia meet for this purpose, and the program will be gone over from the viewpoint of the area, district and local church.

Mr. Ferguson made an eloquent appeal for the movement. He graphically described the condition of the world today. He drew a wonderful picture of the war torn, devastated countries of Europe and of the people moving distractedly without a beacon of light to guide them. The church must save the world, he pleaded, from ignorance and the sway of the passions that are now running riot.

This idea was voiced in the splendid sermon of Mr. Stanbury which followed. His subject was "God and Bread," and taking as his text the example set before us of the temptation of the Savior after fasting for forty days. He explained that this was to show us that even when a man hungered as did the Savior that bread was not the only thing that would help or satisfy the craving of the soul.

Here was the Savior hungry and weak from his long fast, and in that condition where he was most vulnerable against the shafts of the evil one. Around him were lying the tantalizing stones of the wilderness which, made in the shape of bread, appealed strongly to the physical or natural side of his nature.

But the Savior knew that obedience to His Father and confidence in Him were above and beyond the satisfying of the appetite and so his reply, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God, for it is written, 'Thou shalt not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'"

The world today is crying for bread and it is hungry and America is called upon to feed the millions of Europe until order can be restored and the people can resume their wonted avocations. But is bread all we need, and is natural bread all we need here in America? We look after natural things and some believe that if money is piled up and barns are filled that is all required, but the answer comes to many and when least expected, "This day thy soul is required of thee."

Mr. Stanbury eloquently pleaded for more warmth in the church, more religious zeal in the community, a deeper reverence for God and for his son who came to give his eternal life. These found their richest reward and greatest satisfaction.

### WILMINGTON MAYOR PROTESTS

Richmond, Va., March 31.—Charging that thugs have been in the habit of entering sleeping cars and flashing pistols and searchlights in the faces of leading men and women of North Carolina under the guise of prohibition officers of Virginia the mayor of Wilmington has written Director General Hines of the Railroad Administration complaining of this, and asking for protection.

**STATIONED IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE BETWEEN HUNGARY AND RUMANIA AND TAKE 350 PRISONERS. GERMANS SAY THEY WILL RELY ON PRESIDENT WILSON'S 14 POINTS IN SETTLEMENT OF THE DANTZIG AND OTHER MATTERS.**

Paris, March 31.—A small party of French troops occupying the neutral zone between Hungary and Rumania were attacked by Hungarian troops this morning and three hundred and fifty French troops were taken prisoners. On demand of the French commander the Hungarians promised to surrender the French troops. It is reported that the conditions in Hungary are bad.

**German Advised to Leave Hungary**  
Berlin, March 31.—The department agent of the German government at Buda Pest has advised Germans to leave Hungary.

**Germans Willing to Leave it to Wilson**

London, March 31.—The department of the German foreign office announces that it has reached a decision with reference to Dantzig and other questions confronting it, and says it is willing to leave it to President Wilson and his fourteen points.

## MARKETS

New York, March 31.—The cotton market was nervous and irregular at the outset today on the reports of better weather in the South, and lower Liverpool cables. The opening was steady at a decline of from 35 to 40 points on the old, and from three to twenty-five on the new deliveries under liquidation of the new style, and after selling off to 24.53 for May rallied to within nine points of Saturday's close.

### COTTON

New York, March 31.—Cotton futures opened steady. May old 23.87, New 24.70, July old 21.75, new 22.28, Oct. old 19.80, new 20.30, Dec. new 20.04, Jan. new 19.87. At noon May was 24.91. Spots 251-2.

### STOCKS

New York, Wall Street, March 31.—Advances and declines at the outset of today's stock market was so mixed as to indicate further confusion of sentiment among the specialists. Interest was attached to United States Steel on account of the publication of its annual report. The stock opened at a slight loss, but there was an immediate recovery before the end of the first half of hour. All the shippings, Industrial Alcohol and the Tobaccos were irregular, while the Motors and equipments rose moderately over last week's final prices.

### A PISTOL DUEL IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, N. C., March 31.—Jack Bridgers, a grocer of this city has been shot and killed, and Jesse Snuggs is under arrest at a local hospital suffering a serious wound in the breast as the result of a pistol duel which occurred early this morning in the store of Bridgers located on the outskirts of the town.

The store of Bridgers was entered and robbed twice last week, and last night he secreted himself in the building in order to wait for the intruders. About two o'clock Snuggs entered the store and was fired on by Bridgers, who returned the shots. Two bullets stuck Bridgers in the abdomen and head, while Snuggs received one from Bridgers pistol in the breast.

According to the police Snuggs claims that he was passing the store and noticed the door was standing open and stepped inside to see what was the matter. When he did he was fired upon and in the darkness fired at the flashes of light from the other pistol. Bridgers leaves a wife and several children.

Every Little Thrift Stamp added to what you've bought makes a little bit saved—and helps the government.